

IN THE CLAIMS

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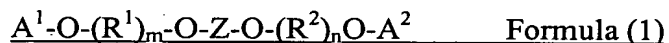
Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composite display device comprising:

a first display member and a second display member disposed between the first display member and an observation point,

wherein the second display member comprises an electro-optical element, which transmits light under application of no voltage and scatters light under application of a voltage, and the light transmittance under application of no voltage is at least 80%,

wherein the electro-optical element comprises a pair of substrates with transparent electrodes and a composite layer interposed therebetween, and the composite layer comprises a liquid crystal/cured resin composite comprising liquid crystal and a cured product of a curable compound soluble to the liquid crystal, and

wherein the curable compound comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of compounds of Formula (1) and Formula (2):



wherein each of A¹, A², A³ and A⁴, which are independent of one another, is an acryloyl group, a methacryloyl group, a glycidyl group or an allyl group; each of R¹, R², R³ and R⁴, which are independent of one another, is an alkylene group having a carbon number of from 2 to 6; each of Z and Z', which are independent of each other, is a bivalent mesogen structural portion; and each of m, n, o and p, which are independent of one another, is an integer of from 1 to 10; and mixtures thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The composite display device according to Claim 1, wherein the haze value in a light scattering state is at least 80%.

Claim 3 (Original): The composite display device according to Claim 1, wherein the first display member is a mirror or a gauge.

Claim 4 (Original): The composite display device according to Claim 1, wherein the first display member is a person or a physical body.

Claim 5 (Original): The composite display device according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of second display members are arranged.

Claim 6 (Original): The composite display device according to Claim 5, wherein the plurality of second display members display the same display pattern, and when a second display member is in a display state, another second display member is in a non-display state.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The composite display device according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a portion of the electro-optical element, excluding a connecting portion to an external circuit formed in a peripheral portion of the electro-optical element, is transparent.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The composite display device according to Claim 1, wherein there are provided an ~~illumination means~~ an illuminator and a battery for applying a driving voltage to the electro-optical element.

Claim 10 (Original): The composite display device according to Claim 1, wherein an antireflection film or an ultraviolet ray shielding film is disposed on the surface of the electro-optical element.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The composite display device according to Claim 1, wherein the electro-optical element ~~comprises a pair of substrates with transparent electrodes and a composite layer comprising liquid crystal and a cured product of a curable compound soluble to the liquid crystal, the composite layer being interposed between said pair of substrates, and~~ further comprises adhesive spacers arranged in the composite layer.

Claim 12 (Original): The composite display device according to Claim 1, wherein:
light sources are provided to illuminate the electro-optical element, and
the light sources emit at least two light source colors, wherein the light sources emit the light source colors sequentially, the frequency of each colored light from the light sources is at least 40Hz, and at least a portion of the display region of the electro-optical element is rendered to be a light scattering state in association with illumination by one or a plurality of light source colors to the electro-optical element to thereby provide a display color comprising one or plurality of light source colors.

Claim 13 (Original): The composite display device according to Claim 12, wherein the light sources are able to emit a color of red, blue or green independently.

Claim 14 (Original): The composite display device according to Claim 12, wherein the display color comprises at least 8 colors.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A field sequential driving method for driving the composite display device described in Claim 1, ~~characterized in that a field sequential driving method wherein~~ comprising associating a change of light source colors of the light sources is associated with a display state of the electro-optical element, ~~is used.~~

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method according to Claim 15, wherein the composite display device ~~is used for at least displaying~~ displays a speed of an automobile.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 7, which includes the specific structural components of the electro-optical element. Claim 1 also recites the compounds contained in the composite layer of the electro-optical element. Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found in claim 7 and the specification, as originally filed, at page 21, lines 9-22.

Claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, in view of the amendment to claim 1.

Claims 2, 8, 9, 11, 15 and 16 have been amended to improve the readability of the claims, in which these claims are supported by the claims as originally filed.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the amendments.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Schechter for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative at the interview held on May 12, 2005. At that time, Applicants' representative discussed the differences between the claimed composite display device and display devices described in the references of the outstanding rejections. The Examiner suggested considerations for distinguishing the invention over the cited prior art, including amending the claims. The following remarks further expand upon the discussion with the Examiner.